

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 10 is amended to more clearly define the present invention.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 10-12, 14-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Maffet (U.S. Patent 4,193,206). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The present invention is drawn to a poultry litter fertilizer manufacturing system, which includes a raw material ventilation system including a scrubber for treating air by removing odor from the air. A dryer system is part of the fertilizer manufacturing system and is structurally ordered so as to receive raw material after the raw material is treated by the raw material ventilation system. (See e.g., 105 in FIG. 1)

Only if every element of the claimed device is found in the cited reference can the claim be said to be anticipated. That is not the case here. The Maffet reference fails to disclose a system as described in independent Claim 10.

In view of the above amendment to the independent claim Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection is overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maffet (U.S. Patent 4,193,206). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The prior art basis for this rejection is the same as that cited in the above rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Maffet. Since the Maffet reference does not anticipate the independent claim, there is no basis in the present record to support a rejection of any dependent claim based upon the Maffet reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is overcome and withdrawal of the same is hereby requested.


CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore requests favorable consideration.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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